IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. OZAWA

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For: EXTERNAL STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE AND DATA

TRANSFER METHOD BETWEEN EXTERNAL STORAGE

CONTROL DEVICES

Group: 2187

Examiner: B. Peugh

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 May 4, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2009, setting a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on May 3, 2009, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.